Construction of Kollam Bypass

2059. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government accorded sanction for the construction of the subsequent phases of Kollam Bypass in Kerala;

(b) the phases of Kollam Bypass which have since been completed; and

(c) whether Government consider to accord sanction for the construction of remaining phases of Kollam Bypass?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The construction work of Phase-I & II of Kollam Bypass have been completed.

(c) At present, the Government priority is to improve the riding quality of the existing National Highways and reconstruction of weak/damaged culverts and bridges. The construction of remaining phases of Kollam Bypass can only be considered in future plans depending upon availability of funds and *inter-se* priority of works.

Panel to examine toll tax charges

2060. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a panel to re-examine the toll charges levied on National Highways; and

(b) if so, the terms and references of the panel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.